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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

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SUBJECT Chemapol Imports for 1953 of Raw
Materials for Lacquer and Paint
Production

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1. Chemapol AS planned to import for 1953:

Chinese wood oil: 500 tn., of which 200 tn. were to come from
the USSR

Flaxseed and flaxseed oil: 19,000 tn.

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Turpentine: 2,500 tn., of which 500 tn. were to come from the
USSR

Japanese wax and carnauba wax: 250 tn., of which 50 tn. were to
come from Area V (Western European States),

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Natural Resin: 7,100 tn., of which 1,000 tn. were to come from the USSR

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Various solvents: about 4,407 tn., of which a quantity worth 7,366,000 crowns, was to be imported from the USSR,

2. It was planned to use about 3,000 tn. of natural resin in paper production and about 1,500 tn. of it in the wood industry and in glass, rubber, and machine production. Some small undetermined quantity would be used in soap production as filling compound for toilet soap. The rest of the natural resin to be imported, about 2,600 tn. was to be used in the production of lacquers, paints, oil paints, varnishes, and phonograph records. The 1,000 tn. of natural resin from the USSR was dark resin and the possibilities for its utilization were limited.
3. Most of the raw materials listed above were imported from the West. Czechoslovakia was unsuccessful in its efforts to increase imports in this field from the USSR or other Eastern Bloc nations, and no increase of imports from these sources could be expected in the future. But Czechoslovakia was also finding it difficult to import these goods from the West because of the shortage of foreign currency in Czechoslovakia.

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